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SNEAKING OF MILITANTS IN J & K
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Al-Qaeida Militants reported to have sneaked into J&K as reported in Hindustan Times dated June 14, 2002;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Some reports have been received to suggest that a few Al-Qaeida terrorists may have moved into Jammu & Kashmir after their expulsion from Afghanistan. This has, however, not been confirmed by the Intelligence agencies and Army troops operating in Jammu & Kashmir.

(c) Army troops deployed along the Line of Control/International Border and those operating in the hinterland, have been sensitised to the possibility of Al-Qaeida terrorists attempting to infiltrate into Jammu & Kashmir.